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PROPOSALS REGARDING ECOLOGICAL BALANCE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the state-wise details of the proposals on ecological balance pending with the Government for approval during the last three years and the current year alongwith the reasons therefor;

(b) the schemes which have been accorded approval by the Government in this regard during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise; and (

(c) the details of the cost involved and the manner in which these schemes are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) There is no specific scheme as "ecological balance" under implementation by the Ministry and hence no proposal is pending with the Ministry.

(b) & (c)However, a scheme named "Eco-Development Forces" is being implemented by the Ministry in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence. The 'Eco-Development Forces' scheme aims at Ecological restoration of terrains rendered difficult either due to severe degradation or remote location or difficult law and order situation. The Scheme provides reimbursement of expenditure incurred to the Ministry of Defence towards overhead cost of Eco Development Force deployed at different strategic stations for Afforestation work and tree planting in remote areas through engagement of personnel from regular Army/Territorial Army and Ex-Servicemen personnel. State-wise details of the financial assistance provided under the EDF scheme during last three years is given in Annexure. Setting up of 2 new EDFs in Assam has recently been approved.